
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO DEVELOP A MODERNIZED OAHU COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN THE VICINITY OF THE HALAWA
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY THROUGH A PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, built in 1916, the Oahu Community Correctional
2 Center no longer properly serves the needs of its overall inmate
3 population or the surrounding community of Kalihi; and
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5 WHEREAS, as the largest jail facility in the State, the 16-
6 acre, 950-bed Oahu Community Correctional Center has outdated
7 security infrastructure and is overcrowded, which has
8 contributed to conditions that have allowed multiple inmate
9 escapes; and
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11 WHEREAS, the Oahu Community Correctional Center cannot
12 accommodate current and projected detention needs, and this
13 situation has prompted the State to request more information on
14 the construction of a new Oahu Community Correctional Center,
15 with a capacity of 1,500 or more beds, in a location other than
16 the current Kalihi site; and
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18 WHEREAS, Kalihi is not an appropriate place for the Oahu
19 Community Correctional Center since its immediate surrounding
20 area contains a park, schools, homes, small businesses, and
21 other commercial establishments; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety has stated that
24 rebuilding the Oahu Community Correctional Center at its current
25 Kalihi site is not a viable option and that the administration
26 has expressed willingness to consider its relocation; and
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28 WHEREAS, the presence of the Oahu Community Correctional
29 Center has historically discouraged development in Kalihi and
30 currently jeopardizes the Kalihi community's opportunity to



1 benefit from transit-related development and redevelopment
2 projects; and
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4 WHEREAS, the State is currently evaluating proposals that
5 would expand the Halawa Correctional Facility, including by
6 combining it with the Oahu Community Correctional Center, to
7 take advantage of the efficiencies of consolidation; and
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9 WHEREAS, consolidation is fiscally prudent because
10 upgrading the aging Oahu Community Correctional Center has the
11 potential to be equally or more expensive than building a new
12 facility in another location; and
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14 WHEREAS, relocating the Oahu Community Correctional Center
15 would generate land development opportunities on the current
16 Kalihi site and spur private-public partnerships that could
17 improve Kalihi and offset the cost of a consolidated jail
18 without an undue fiscal burden on the State through the sale or
19 long-term lease of the Kalihi site; and
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21 WHEREAS, if developed appropriately, the Kalihi site is
22 well situated to become a major center of economic activity,
23 generate tax revenues and lease-rent income for the State and
24 property tax revenues for the City and County of Honolulu, and
25 benefit from private development related to transit-oriented
26 growth; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is
31 urged to develop a modernized Oahu Community Correctional Center
32 in the vicinity of the Halawa Correctional Facility through a
33 public-private partnership; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in conjunction with
36 development of the modernized jail facility, the Governor is
37 urged to:
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- 39 (1) Issue a request for proposals for the private
40 construction of the community correctional facility
41 for the State on a turnkey basis; and
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1 (2) Facilitate redevelopment of the land that is currently
2 occupied by the Oahu Community Correctional Center to
3 benefit the Kalihi community and the State, including
4 through partnerships with the private sector, to
5 generate revenue and innovative development
6 opportunities; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
10 of Public Safety, and chairperson of the Kalihi-Palama
11 Neighborhood Board.
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